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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection

and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition

for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully

requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt

consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-147 are pending in the application. Claims 54-56, 108-110, 131-134 and

139-142 have been withdrawn without prejudice. Claims 1-51, 53, 57-105, 107, 111-130,

135-138 and 143-147 have been rejected. Claims 1, 31, 36, 37, 50-52, 58, 64, 106, 118, 121-

127, 129 and 135 have been objected to.

Claims 52 and 106 have been amended. Claims 1-51, 53, 57-105, 107, 111-130, 135-

138 and 143-147 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. In making this

cancellation without prejudice, Applicants reserve all rights in these claims to file divisional

and/or continuation patent applications. New claims 148-166 have been introduced.

Applicants respectfully assert that the amendments to the claims, specification and

drawings, and new claims 148-166 add no new matter.

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Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claim 106 is allowable and that claim 52 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim.

Accordingly, Applicants amended claim 52 to place it in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim. Applicants respectfully assert that this amendment does not narrow the scope of claim 52.

Remarks to the Drawings

Figs. 5 and 6 have been amended to match the specification. The drawing sheets containing each corrected drawing are enclosed for review by the Examiner.

Remarks to the Specification

The amendments to the specification are editorial in nature and do not introduce new matter.

Claim Objections

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 1, 31, 36, 37, 50-52, 58, 64, 106, 118, 121-127, 129 and 135 because of alleged informalities. Claims 1, 31, 36, 37, 50-51, 58, 64, 118, 121-127, 129 and 135 have been cancelled and accordingly the objection to these claims is moot. Claims 52 and 106 have been amended in order to cure these informalities. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the objection to claims 52 and 106.

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CLAIM REJECTIONS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-51, 53, 57-105, 107, 111-130,

135-138 and 143-147 under 35 U.S.C. § 102, 103 and 112. Claims 1-51, 53, 57-105, 107,

111-130, 135-138 and 143-147 have been cancelled without prejudice, and accordingly the

Examiner's rejection of these claims is moot.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to

be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry

of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone

number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the

prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the

undersigned counsel.

Please charge any fees associated with this paper to deposit account No. 05-0649.

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